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SUBJECT: FURTHER GOV REACTION TO TRADE BILL

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SPEAKING ON DECEMBER 20 AT THE CLOSING OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE VENEZUELAN CONGRESS, PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ STRONGLY DENOUNCED THE TRADE REFORM ACT. HE NOTED THAT VENEZUELA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE IN ITS SALE OF PETROLEUM AND CALLED UPON LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS TO NEITHER SUPPORT NOR ACCEPT THE "DISCRIMINATORY" TRADE POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES. HE CALLED FOR THE BEGINNING OF "AUTHENTIC WORLD COOPERATION" AND ASKED FOR AN END TO DEVELOPED NATIONS' COMMENTS ON THE NEED FOR A DIALOGUE" WHILE THEY ARE THREATENING US WITH RETALIATORY MEASURES." HE STRESSED THAT VENEZUELA IS NOT SEEKING A POSITION OF CONFRONTATION, BUT RATHER IS SEEKING UNDERSTANDING ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY AND INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.
END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT'S
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STRONG REACTION MAY HAVE BEEN TEMPERED SOMEWHAT BY THE KNOWLEDGE

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS OPPOSED TO THE OPEC EXCLUSION CLAUSE INTRODUCED BY THE SENATE. NEVERTHELESS, PEREZ WILL BE SORELY TEMPTED TO RETALIATE AGAINST THE U.S. ACTION IN SOME SPECIFIC MANNER. EVEN IF HE SHOULD BE DISPOSED TO RESIST ANY PRECIPITATE ACTION, HE IS LIKELY TO BE SUBJECTED TO STRONG POLITICAL PRESSURES TO RETALIATE, ESPECIALLY BY COPEI AND OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES WHICH ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY VOCAL IN CRITICIZING THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES.

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